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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**GRAIN VALLEY MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING  
COCAINE, MARIJUANA IN JACKSON COUNTY,  
POSSESSING MACHINE GUN**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grain Valley, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing cocaine and marijuana and for being in possession of a machine gun.

**Jason P. Colehour**, 22, of Grain Valley, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to five years and three months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Colehour** to forfeit to the government \$8,525 that was seized at the time of his arrest on Feb. 19, 2002.

On Aug. 7, 2003, **Colehour** pleaded guilty to five counts of a federal indictment. **Colehour** admitted that in February 2002 he was in possession of a Romarm/Cugir .223 caliber rifle, a machine gun that was altered to fire in a full-automatic mode. **Colehour** also admitted to distributing cocaine to an undercover detective in Oak Grove, Mo., on Feb. 13, 2002. **Colehour** also admitted to distributing marijuana to an undercover detective in Blue Springs, Mo., on three separate occasions in February 2002.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

**Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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